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Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know why the Board of Revenue also made up its mind and submitted its proposals two months in advance of the ryots concerned submitting their objections ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The proposals have to be framed by some responsible authority. There were discussions in past years in this Council in regard to this matter and the procedure finally settled was that the report should come from the Board of Revenue, it should be published and that the Government should then receive and consider representations. The settlement officer's proposals have to be reviewed by the chief revenue authority, the Board of Revenue, before they are published."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" What I want to know is this: Why should the Board of Revenue send up the report with remarks two months prior to 30th June ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It is the Board of Revenue that is responsible for the scheme that is published for criticism. Although the scheme was sent up by the settlement officers the Board of Revenue is responsible for the scheme."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" In the answer to clause (a) it is stated that the Special Settlement Officer will receive and submit representations to the Government for consideration through the Board of Revenue. Is it expected that the Board of Revenue would pass certain remarks when the representations are sent by the settlement officer through the Board of Revenue ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not understand why they should not."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" Is it expected that the Board would express remarks contrary to what it has already said ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" If the objections contained in the representations are weighty, why should they not ? "

Proposals of the Special Settlement Officer for resettlement in Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 25 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government will lay on the table of the House the letters of the Special Settlement Officer, R.O.C. No. 249/B. & C. of 1926, dated 6th May 1926 and 17th June 1926, containing his proposals for settlement on ordinary lines of villages which hitherto remained unsettled ?

A.—The Government will consider the suggestion.

Alleged " detailed economic enquiries " in selected villages in Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 26 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : With reference to the statement in paragraph 32 of the scheme report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts that "*detailed economic enquiries*" were made in selected villages, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the names of the villages in which those enquiries were made ;